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COACH BITTER AS ASF CALLS OFF CAMP

— By PAUL DEAN —

The three-day camp for one part of the Australian national team, scheduled for Sydney earlier this week, was called off in the last moment.

Incredibly enough, it was found that ASF officials, entrusted with the organisation, have fallen down on their job.

Neither the NSW Federation nor the affected clubs were officially notified of the proposed camp.

National team coach, Joe Vlasits, had all details worked out to the last minute detail.

In good time he advised the ASF, requesting them — as the proper body — to make the necessary arrangements.

When ASF president Sir William Walkley discovered last week Friday that the arrangements were "in a shocking state", he promptly ordered the cancellation of the camp.

At this stage it is not known whether the second camp, planned for Melbourne next week, will be held.

Fifteen Victorian and South Australian players were supposed to spend three days together.

In view of the scandalous Sydney arrangements, it is quite possible that the Melbourne camp will also be cancelled.

National team coach Joe Vlasits, frustrated to the hilt by officialdom's latest bungling, feels that time is fast running out for his squad.

"I have been trying to get things cracking since last October," he said.

"I have attended many meetings and written many letters, imploring those officials who hold the key positions to get things started.

"I have submitted my detailed plan covering the whole period until next October and the ASF has set aside a budget for the national team operations.

"And yet, incredibly enough, nothing happens."

The national team was last brought together for a very brief period in March 1968 when it played three matches against Japan.

In the past 15 months neither the team nor the squad has held one training session!

Hakoah's Ian Hillsdon goes the wrong way as Salerno of Canterbury heads towards goal at Arlington Oval last Sunday. The Berries confirmed their revival with a splendid 0-0 draw with last year's champions in an absorbing match which attracted a large crowd, including many Pan Hellenic supporters.

English star in doubt

It is still doubtful whether the much awaited Bristol City forward, Chris Crowe, will arrive at all to join Auburn.

According to our London "spy", English Third Division Torquay United are prepared to sign Crowe for $8,500.

Torquay all but clinched the deal six months ago when Crowe was temporarily dropped by Bristol City.

Crowe's previous four transfers in England cost his former clubs about $220,000.

Bristol City paid $35,000 for him to Nottingham Forest when they secured his services in 1967.

Since then, he must have obviously lost much of his effectiveness.

Shifting Greeks

Sydney's Greek migrants are fast shifting their allegiances, moving in hordes from hapless Pan Hellenic to revitalised Canterbury.

Last week 5,500 watched the Berries hold the mighty Hakoah to a draw, after beating APIA the previous week.

The same afternoon "only" 5,096 saw Pan Hellenic lose their fourth successive match.

Pan Hellenic are in deep trouble — and nobody knows this better than their officials.

Last week English coach Mick Jones was sacked — and told not even to turn up at Wentworth Park on Sunday in case "his presence infuriates" a section of the "supporters".

A leading official's car was badly damaged in front of Hellenic House — all tyres were ripped to shreds with a sharp knife.

Takis Loukanidis is almost certain to be appointed player-coach of the team.

Roy Blitz has now left Pan Hellenic and joined Hakoah for a reported $5,000 fee and at least two other Pan Hellenic players are likely to ask for a transfer within days.

Meanwhile, Canterbury enjoy rubbing Pan Hellenic's nose into the dirt.

After having captured some outstanding Greek players, they are now capturing the Greek support as well.

EVENTFUL WEEK FOR MELBOURNE

State League soccer really made the headlines last weekend in Melbourne with the following:

- Four players were ordered off (three in one game);
- In the six matches 26 goals were scored, including three own goals and two penalty awards converted;
- Wilhelmina, toppled by Hakoah, forfeited the league leadership to JUST, the only unbeaten side;
- Polonia scored for the first time after five rounds, yet were eventually thrashed;
- David Gorrie, the SM-Hellas inside forward scored a hat-trick.

The big talking point is, of course, the Melbourne v. JUST match where Marko Fode, the JUST side's goalie and his colleague, inside forward, Milan Mihajlovic, were ordered off along with Melbourne's McDaid.

Both JUST and Melbourne, through their secretaries Otto Gabel and Joe Szalay respectively, informed me that they would be sending reports to the VSF on the performance of refeee Bob Randall who was in charge.

In the Juventus v. Croatia match on the Saturday, the Juventus, Victorian and Australian forward, Tommy McColl, also got sent off by referee Roger Lamb for alleged kicking.

— JIM COOK

South Coast closing gap

The seventh Sydney First Division championship round was a profitable one for South Coast, now a clear third, only one point behind the still unseparable leaders, St. George-Budapest and Hakoah, both held to scoreless draws last Sunday.

Melita tumbled to sixth place following their first defeat of the season, but are still in the leading bunch.

Canterbury top the bottom half of the ladder where Pan Hellenic are floundering hopelessly, only two points removed from last place still occupied by Yugal.

This weekend's matches could result in major changes at the top of the ladder, but with the possible exception of Canterbury, the bottom positions should remain static.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH
St. George	4	2	2	—	10	2	6	3	2	1	—	13	2	5	7	4	3	—	23	4	11	APIA
Hakoah	3	3	—	—	8	3	6	4	2	1	1	5	5	5	7	5	1	1	13	8	11	Yugal*
South Coast	3	3	—	—	10	2	6	4	2	—	2	8	11	4	7	5	—	2	18	13	10	Polonia*
Prague	3	1	2	—	4	—	4	4	2	1	1	9	5	5	7	3	3	1	13	5	9	Pan Hellenic
Croatia	3	2	1	—	9	2	5	4	2	—	2	8	6	4	7	4	1	2	17	8	9	Melita Eagles*
Melita Eagles	4	1	2	1	4	3	4	3	2	1	—	8	4	5	7	3	3	1	12	7	9	Croatia
APIA	3	1	—	2	3	4	3	4	2	2	—	8	3	6	7	3	2	2	11	7	8	St. George*
Canterbury	4	1	1	2	4	7	2	3	1	1	1	2	4	3	7	1	3	3	6	11	5	Auburn
Pan Hellenic	4	1	—	3	4	8	2	3	—	2	1	3	6	2	7	1	2	4	7	14	4	Prague*
Auburn	3	—	1	2	2	7	1	4	1	—	3	4	9	2	7	1	1	5	6	16	3	Canterbury*
Polonia	4	—	—	4	2	15	—	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	5	3	17	3	South Coast
Yugal-Ryde	4	—	1	3	6	20	1	3	—	1	2	2	7	1	7	[illegible]	2	5	8	27	2	Hakoah

WITH THE AMATEURS

"Big two" continue to whitewash opposition

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Concordia and Guildford both had clear wins last week to hold their places as joint First Division leaders.

Concordia demolished South Sydney 12-2 in a one-sided match at Steel Park and Guildford gained a home 2-0 win against the highly-rated Riverside Rapids.

Riverside played some nice football midfield, but their forwards only once extended goalkeeper Robbie Hoskins.

Guildford's defence played superbly — John Nelson, Ross Curnow, Ray Pierce, the indominatable Vince Jack, and Chris Low were in great form.

Graham Hann was well supplied with the ball, and netted twice.

Marrickville retained third placing with a 4-0 win over East Side at Mackey Park.

Marrickville had the better of play, and were two goals up at half-time.

Joe Grech and Claude Sereni, one time spearheads for Marrickville, blocked Easts' road to goal as double centre halves while Paul McNamee dominated the midfield.

Gould, Hockey and Byrne scored goals.

Belmore move up

Belmore moved off the bottom of the table with a convincing 5-1 win over Lidcombe Waratah at Rudd Park.

Col Rae returned to the team as inside-left, and pepped up the attack.

Belmore should do better again when Ross Abercrombie returns to the team after injury.

Enmore tumbled from joint first place holder in Second Division to third, as a result of their loss to Arncliffe Scots in a fast match at Cahill Park.

Arncliffe led 1-0 at half-time, the count went to 1-1, and Arncliffe scored two more.

Arncliffe won by getting a better grip on midfield, and running on to the ball for fast breakaway movements.

Terry Nutley played a roving game from the left wing position, and Ken Bracegirdle was also very effective up front.

AMATEUR PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 10

First Division: East Side v. Lane Cove — Outer Wentworth Park, South Sydney v. Guildford — Booralee Park, Riverside Rapid v. Marrickville — Mahoney Oval.

Second Division: St. Marys v. Condell Park — Ridge Park, Ryde v. Arncliffe Scots — Hall Park, Enmore v. Rovers Juniors — Mackey Park.

Third Division: Greenacre v. Revesby Workers — Allum Park.

Fourth Division: Bondi Marines v. Padstow Park — Waverley Oval No. 1, Gladesville Ravens v. Central United — Peel Park, Ku-ring-gai v. Annandale — Asquith Oval.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

First Division: Wenty v. Blacktown — Jones Park, Thistle v. Belmore — Bankstown Soccer Centre, Lidcombe v. Concordia — Coleman Park.

Second Division: Yagoona v. Penrith — O'Neil Park, Kewpies v. Auburn Juniors — Colquhoun Park, NSW University v. Warringah Saints — D. Phillips Oval.

Third Division: Fairfield-Kiev v. All Stars — Knight Park, West Ryde v. Newtown — Meadowbank No. 3, Liverpool v. Sydney University — Woodward Park, Beverly Hills v. Campbelltown — Beverly Hills Oval.

Fourth Division: Revesby Rovers v. Willoughby — Armour Park, Maroubra v. Arncliffe RSL, Chelsea v. Rosebery Rhodes — Moore Park.

Amateur results

FIRST DIVISION

Blacktown v. Thistle	0-3	6-0
Marrickville v. East Side	4-0	9-0
Guildford v. Riverside	2-0	4-1
Lane Cove v. Wenty	2-5	5-1
Belmore v. Lidcombe	5-1	5-0
Concordia v. S. Sydney	12-2	4-1

SECOND DIVISION

Nepean v. Kewpies	1-3	0-5
A'cliffe Scots v. Enmore	3-1	2-0
Auburn v. St. Marys	4-2	6-1
Condell Park v. Ryde	1-3	0-5
Warringah v. Yagoona	1-0	3-0
Rovers v. NSW Uni.	7-0	1-0

THIRD DIVISION

Sydney Uni. v. Dee Why	1-1	3-4
C'pbelltown v. Greenacre	7-0	2-1
Revesby W. v. Fairfield	3-3	6-2
All Stars v. West Ryde	4-4	3-2
Newtown v. Liverpool	4-2	2-1
Padstow Park v. Gladesv.	0-9	1-2

FOURTH DIVISION

Willoughby v. Maroubra	1-6	1-4
Cent. Utd. v. Revesby R.	2-4	1-4
A'cffe RSL v. Ku-ring-gai	3-5	3-1
Rosebery v. Bondi	2-2	1-4
Annandale v. Chelsea	1-2	1-3

METROPOLITAN SCENE

Inter-district matches between St. George and South Sydney associations at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 resulted in the honors going to St. George two games to one.

St. George overwhelmed the lesser experienced locals 11-1 in the under-14s and were also victors in the under-15 game 2-0 (R. Kirk, R. King).

South Sydney, after an early setback, won the "sixteens" 6-2.

P. Page (3), G. Rolfe (2), M. Eykelenkamp (1) scored for Souths, and Chris Hilton (2) for St. George.

Selection trials for Sydney Metropolitan Under-16 teams will be held at Mackey Park, Tempe, at 9 a.m. next Sunday, May 11.

The team to represent Sydney Metropolitan will be announced next week in "Soccer World."

— Jack Woods

RESULTS

S. Syd. v. St. Geo.	1-11	0-2	6-2
B'town v. Wests	3-0	8-0	3-5
C'bury v. S'land	1-3	—	0-6
S. Dists v. Manly	4-0	—	3-0
Gladesv. v. Ku'gai	3-2	2-0	—
Nepean bye			

TABLES

UNDER-16

Ku-ring-gai	**4**	**1**	**— 15**	**6**	**9**
Illawarra	**4**	**1**	**— 11**	**5**	**9**
Sutherland	**4**	**—**	**1 13**	**5**	**8**
Souths	**3**	**1**	**1 13**	**9**	**8**
Granville	3	—	2 13	6	6
Wests	3	—	2 9	10	6
Bankstown	2	2	1 6	8	6
St. George	3	—	2 10	12	6
Sth. Districts	2	1	2 11	8	5
Manly	2	—	3 6	12	4
Nepean	2	—	3 10	20	4
Canterbury	—	—	5 7	25	0

UNDER-15

Bankstown	**5**	**—**	**— 22**	**3**	**10**
St. George	**4**	**1**	**— 25**	**7**	**9**
Nepean	**4**	**—**	**1 6**	**6**	**8**
Gladesville	**3**	**1**	**1 15**	**6**	**7**
Granville	3	1	1 18	14	7
Sth. Sydney	3	—	2 7	9	6
Sth. Districts	2	1	2 5	4	5
Canterbury	2	—	3 12	12	4
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	3 8	14	4
Illawarra	1	—	3 14	25	2
Wests	—	—	5 2	20	0

UNDER-14

Bankstown	**4**	**1**	**— 17**	**3**	**9**
Nepean	**4**	**—**	**1 7**	**2**	**8**
Sutherland	**4**	**—**	**1 7**	**3**	**8**
Illawarra	**3**	**1**	**1 12**	**1**	**7**
Gladesville	3	1	1 15	6	7
St. George	3	—	2 18	5	6
Canterbury	2	1	2 12	10	5
Sth. Districts	2	1	2 6	4	5
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	3 8	11	4
Granville	1	2	2 3	6	4
Wests	1	1	3 9	13	3
Manly	1	—	4 2	11	2
South Sydney	1	—	4 1	38	2
Illawarra v. Granv.	0-1		2-5		—

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The revised itinerary of the Greek national team, giving them two Saturday matches in Sydney, has played havoc with the First and Second Division competition draws. Rounds 17 and 18 have undergone drastic reshuffles. Greece originally was to have played only one weekend fixture in Sydney, the second match being scheduled as a midweek floodlit game. Watch next week's paper for the revised competition draw and our comments.

Hours before their match last Sunday, Pan Hellenic seriously considered buying HAMMY McMEECHAN from Western Suburbs. The Australian international is reported to be disenchanted with Second Division football and hankering for a transfer to a First Division club.

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St. George-Budapest have signed New Zealand's national team goalkeeper, NEV SIEBERT, 22, from the Auckland team of Ponsonby. Siebert arrived in Sydney last Monday and has started training with the club.

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VERNON WENTZEL, the APIA centre-forward, may be out of action for two more weeks due to a leg injury.

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FRANCO (Call me "Paco") CARIDAD is APIA's latest first team forward. The popular "Paco" was born in Spain, but has played for many years in Sydney, mainly with the Spanish club, before joining APIA's reserve grade.

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After playing in the reserves, Yugal's new goalkeeper, MILEVOJ CAJKUSIC, was called upon to take over from the injured Lukic. Cajkusic showed his class particularly by getting to a drive from Stan Ackerley, which went screaming for the far end of the net in the Yugal v. APIA game last Sunday. He is one of three young players recruited by Yugal official Maron Alagich on his recent trip to Yugoslavia. Cajkusic played for the Zagreb club.

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This year an all-time record of 42 AMATEUR ASSOCIATIONS are operating throughout NSW. Competitions are run in such widely spaced areas as Tenterfield, the Tweed (Murwillumbah), Far South Coast (Eden), Riverina (Wagga, Griffith) and Broken Hill.

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Melita Eagles have signed former Polonia inside-forward, STUART CONSTABLE. The Eagles are also after George Cross (Melbourne) forward Mario Borg, who now lives in Sydney.

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How's that for service? When the Public Address system failed to operate at Arlington Oval last Sunday, ANDY BURTON, Canterbury's "Mr. Soccer", walked around the ground in the second half giving scores from other matches and the attendance figure.

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As from this weekend the PRAGUE CLUB at Eastlakes will provide a floor show every Sunday evening. Watch SOCCER WORLD in coming weeks for advertised programs.

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The CANTERBURY District Club Limited is seeking new members before it's application for a license comes before the Licensing Board. Prospective members should contact Mr. Jones of the Canterbury club and send in $2 for membership fee. For details please ring Mrs. Sheila Gemenis at 55-3800. The Canterbury District Club Limited is sponsoring the local inter-district under-16 team.

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The wife of RON CHAPMAN, for 15 years Bankstown's trainer-masseur, passed away last weekend. Our condolences.

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The NSW Federation next year will introduce its own INSURANCE scheme to cover all players under its jurisdiction. The scheme was discussed and agreed to in principle at a meeting of First and Second Division clubs last Monday.

Hundreds of GREEK fans missed the first few minutes of last Sunday's Canterbury-Hakoah match. At kick-off time many were still queuing at the turnstiles. The late arrivals all came from Wentworth Park. Once they found out that only Loukanidis had arrived from Greece in the morning, they hopped into taxis bound for Arlington Oval.

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South Coast United have signed on 21-year-old JIM STEWART, an inside-forward who played with Liverpool and later with Dallas Tornadoes in the USA. Stewart was a member of the Dallas team which toured Australia last year.

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Sutherland have signed PETER WITHWORTH, who played amateur football in England. He had his first game in the reserves last week.

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Manly's 15-year-old SCOTT AULD broke a leg last Sunday in the third grade game against Balgownie.

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ROY BLITZ, despite his surprise $5,000 transfer to Hakoah last week, still has a soft spot for his former club, Pan Hellenic. Roy was anything but happy when he heard the news at Arlington Oval that Pan Hellenic were trailing 1-3 at halftime.

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Prague president JAN DOMABYL leaves for an overseas trip on May 14, the day Prague's club will be officially opened by the minister for immigration, Billy Snedden.

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Two NEW PLAYERS are likely to join Melita Eagles following contacts made by the president, Vince Pisani, at present overseas. One is 20-year-old David Hoare, who was an apprentice with Manchester City, and is now with Stockport County, and the other is 21-year-old "Dunda" Micallef, one of Malta's most dashing centre-forwards, at present with Birkirkara Football Club.

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ERIC HORNE of inter-suburban Belmore is now in his 20th consecutive season with the club he joined as a junior. A wonderful record for a grand club stalwart!

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JOHN SAMBROOK, younger brother of APIA stopper, Jim Sambrook, has been transferred from Croatia to Sutherland. Sambrook Jnr. made his debut in the Shire's first team last Sunday.

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DEREK GRIFFIN, Corinthians' brilliant English goalkeeper, will return to Sydney next month.

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BOB FEKETE, who gets married on May 25, leaves for his overseas honeymoon on June 2. Fekete will be away for about three months.

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SECOND DIVISION REFEREES

Hornsby v. NS-Inter — A. Faraoneo Artarmon v. Balgownie — N. Campbell; Manly v. Bankstown — A. Boskovic; Corinthians v. Marconi — N. Jones; North Bankstown v. Sutherland — J. Henkelman; Wests v. Granville — G. Naylor.

Foot-tennis

Clarke and Hardy won last Monday's foot-tennis round-robin at the St. George-Budapest Club.

Next week's round-robin is between Tamandl-Sagi, Glenday-Lloyd and Morgan-Abonyi.

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RUDI IS NEW COACHING SENSATION OF GERMANY

"Libuda, what is your position in our team?" — in English too — are the words on the blackboard in the team training room of West Germany's Schalke 04. Four months ago trainer Günter Brocker used the same blackboard to illustrate his ideas on football tactics.

Brocker's successor, Rudi Gutendorf, is now teaching his men smatterings of English. "I am the right-wing," Libuda has to reply.

Gelsenkirchen coalminers and steelworkers would normally dismiss the new trainer as a lunatic. There is, after all, no reason why a player should be able to do a better job on the pitch just because he happens to know what his position is called in English.

There are other reasons, too, why the down-to-earth people of Gelsenkirchen might well take a dim view of Gutendorf.

He drives a scandalously expensive American sports car, and is married to an attractive factory-owner's daughter and ex-photographic model who matches the car to a T.

HIGH LIFE

Gutendorf is surrounded by an aura of high life, but strangely enough, no one holds it against him. At the bar counter, where the pulse of a mining area can always be taken, he is generally held to be a good lad. Not without reason.

Three months ago, when he was taken on for the annual rescue job to keep Schalke's place in the Federal league, he put paid to protracted discussions about his salary. "Pay me what you like," he said, "The job interests me, not the money."

A spell, training the St. Louis Stars is the main reason why he was in a position to be so generous.

PSYCHOLOGY

Gutendorf's money is making a profit in Switzerland and the United States, from a furniture firm and a toothbrush factory. And he quickly gained the reputation of being a more than run-of-the-mill trainer.

"It's a great pity that most of my fellow-trainers are not financially independent," he says. Gutendorf makes good use of the freedom a man who is not dependent on his salary has. He can afford to be unpleasant, extravagant and a nuisance.

So it is that Gutendorf combines gymnastics and ball-training with eyebrow-raising psychological exercises.

But Rudi Gutendorf is more than just the man who has helped outside-right Libuda to regain his old form ("The others are always joking at his expense. He has to be protected. I have given him a few words of encouragement, and told him that on the field he can do whatever he wants.") or the man who sent Hasil of Austria boxing ("He has to be tougher.") and a number of others to athletics training.

He includes the spectators in his calculations. He not only trains the team; he also works on the stands and the terraces.

At six in the morning he has the team out long-distance running. "It is merely a question of will-power," he says. "It gives me some idea of the players' readiness to make sacrifices and the local miners feel that the coach and players of their football are in the same position as themselves."

He even does what would be the kiss of death for many another man whose team is fighting to avoid relegation.

He has invited the fans, the whole collection of know-alls, bar-counter strategists, fault-finders and fanatics, to pass judgment on the team. Gutendorf talks with them, argues and listens.

DIRECT CONTACT

"They are our critics. You have to take them seriously. They feel noticed, listened to, let into the secrets. Direct contact develops, the people feel responsible. And for me the feelings of the ordinary fan are a seismograph. If 600 people do not like a player, there must be something in it."

Two-hundred fans came to the first meeting of this kind. The second time 600 crowded in, beer glass in hand. Gutendorf comes to conclusions. All 600 like Hasil, the Austrian. So the trainer is going to keep him in mind.

Gutendorf has the terraces as much under control as he does the men on the pitch.

Just as one man can get an entire stadium worked up, so 600 spectators exercise a positive influence," he comments in the way of mass psychology.

APPLAUSE

Even with a club in such a grave relegation position as Schalke, he draws applause from satisfied spectators in this way.

They are not going to make disparaging comments about the toff with his fine car. After all, he talks with them.

They are not going to carp about the team either, for the lads have to be out and about at six in the morning just like everyone else (even if it is only once a week). Why, they even learn English.

Gutendorf has all footballing Gelsenkirchen spellbound. He uses the methods of a public speaker. He knows the weaknesses of ordinary people.

The members of the board of directors have mixed feelings. Three months ago, when Gutendorf was prepared to take on Schalke for a pittance, they did the right thing by their new trainer and paid him the 5,000 Marks a month his predecessor had been earning.

Now they realise that Gutendorf is a man who only makes an offer of that kind once.

"If he succeeds in saving the team from relegation and we are unable to come to terms with him next season, the fans will tear the place to shreds," treasurer Aldenhoven suspects.

He and his fellow-members of the board reckon they know the price Gutendorf will be asking: 10,000 Marks a month at the very least.

"Right - wing" Libuda would then be able to progress to comic strips in English next season. The trade is enviously ironic about madman Gutendorf. "His French is not so hot," a fellow-trainer recently sarcastically commented.

(Die Welt).

● Gutendorf coached VfB Stuttgart when they visited Australia in 1965.

— Editor

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National team affair is scandalous

— By PAUL DEAN —

They will tell you it won't happen again — but don't take bets on it. Our soccer set-up tends to repeat itself.

I am referring to the hiatus in the ASF office, caused by the resignation of Ian McAndrew some months ago. The new secretary, Brian Le Fevre, wasn't appointed until about a fortnight ago and won't start work for another three or four weeks.

For this entire period the ASF office has been left in the care of a young lady; and no matter how efficient and conscientious she may be, she hasn't got the power of a secretary to make decisions.

Ian McAndrew had kindly offered to act in an honorary capacity until Le Fevre is available. But this wasn't a happy arrangement.

In his new job with Sporting Supplies, McAndrew was kept so busy that he found little or no time to spend on ASF matters.

It would have been infinitely better if an experienced administrator, like Tom Grimson, had stood in as temporary ASF caretaker.

It is quite amazing that the ASF, which has so many successful businessmen at its helm, should allow such an unbusiness-like management.

Where else would they let a secretary go before his replacement is available to take over?

This intervallum in the King Street office has only added to the many organisational difficulties which seem to characterise the preparations of the Australian national team.

And this, as many soccer lovers may well suspect, is not going very smoothly. But how could it?

The national team coach, Joe Vlasits lives in Sydney; the last team manager, John Barclay lives in Melbourne and the chairman of the national team sub-committee, Ian Brusasco, lives in Brisbane.

This in itself is one of those strange arrangements which we so often make in this country. As the States don't trust one another, they splinter power and authority among themselves, not leaving enough elbow room for anybody to work.

PUT UP OR PULL OUT

Ian Brusasco, nice fellow he is, has only a very vague idea of the problems of Joe Vlasits; consequently, he can do little.

Being an extremely busy owner of a chain of chemist shops and soon fighting a Parliamentary election, he has too much on his mind to worry about those thousand boring details which have to be solved before a team even assembles.

John Barclay, the last manager of the highly successful Australian team, hasn't had anything to do with the squad since the end of the Japanese tour — over a year ago.

As manager of Victoria and ASF executive member, he is reasonably well informed of what goes on — but he has not taken any active part in the preparation of the 1969 team.

Some months ago it was suggested by Joe Vlasits that the ASF send a competent man to Seoul right away to study the playing conditions, facilities, hotels, diet problems, etc.

This type of foresight is standard procedure in world soccer.

The ASF didn't reject the idea outright — that would be too irresponsible — but said that this trip would take place "if finance was available."

So far no finance has been MADE available.

And yet the ASF did find sufficient cash in its depleted coffers to send FOUR men to a recent Oceania meeting in New Zealand — a four-day sojourn which has achieved nothing — and wasn't even designed to achieve anything.

For the time being the national team is nobody's baby.

Joe Vlasits can spend as many sleepless nights as he wants to and rely, for assistance, on friends who try to ease his load — in an unofficial capacity.

But you can bet your bottom dollar that when the team is ready to go, once again we'll see a first-class dogfight among the ASF brass for the various positions to travel with the team — with which they had nothing whatsoever to do . . .

What the ASF must learn is to organise its man-power in a more intelligent fashion.

If the team coach is from Sydney, so should be the manager. If one is from Melbourne, so should the other.

But the present triumvirate set-up inevitably leads to chaos.

If the ASF and those officials who parade as the national team's do-gooders can't change their lethargic attitudes, the best would be to notify FIFA that Australia will withdraw from the World Cup.

At least this would be an honest admission of our inability to either size up the problems or to cope with them.

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Polonia

0 (0)

Auburn

2 (1)

Spilarewicz 12 min., O'Neil 87 min.

Melita E.

1 (0)

Woods 90 min. (penalty).

Sth. Coast

3 (0)

Tolson 50 min. (pen.), Tristram 51 min., Woods (o.g.) 66 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

St. George

0 (0)

Prague

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

Smith 4 and 69 mins.

Croatia

3 (3)

Reynolds 3 min., Barboutis 18 min., Omeros (o.g.) 37 min.

Yugal

2 (1)

Rafaneli 6 min., Edwards 88 min.

A.P.I.A

2 (1)

Blue 31 min., Caridad 80 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fraser 3; Oliver 3, Skiba 3; Calphy 3, Dzialach 4, Komoder 3; Bell 2, Minol 4, Barnett 3, Krawiarz 3, Adamson 1.

TOTAL: 32. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Carmichael 3; D. Smith 3, Stewart 3; A. Smith 3, Atherton 4, *Selfridge* 5; K. Edwards 2 (replaced by Allan 75th min.), *Spilarewicz* 5, Moffatt 3, O'Neil 4, Quested 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: Z. Nowacki.

Eaton 3; Hunter 4, Hewlett 3; Woods 4, A. Edwards 4, Duffy 3; Nemet 3, Smith 4 (replaced by Reid 54th min.), Thorne 3, McAusland 2, Azzopardi 3.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: T. Edwards.

Match rating: * * *

Ramage 3; Ringland 4, Cuthbert 4; Carr 3, *Wilson* 5, Tolson 4; Beattie 4, Tristram 3, Alston 3, Hennessy 4, McGrath 4.

TOTAL: 41. Coach: J. Harris.

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 4, Hardy 4; J. Xipolitas 4, *Mbelis* 5, *Galbraith* 5; Salerno 2, Haidar 3, Panayiotidis 2 (replaced by Kauz 80 min.), Papaemanuel 4, Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Match rating: * * * *

Fuzes 4; Gardiner 3, Hillsdon 4; *Watkiss* 5, *Marnoch* 5, Walsh (replaced by H. Rutherford 2 in 20 min., replaced by D. Keddie in 72 min.); Edmunds 3, Fekete 3, Yaager 3, Baartz 4, Jones 4.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: D. Holden.

Haffey 4; Sandell 3, Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Bird 4, Cliss 3; Denton 3, *Abonyi* 5, Warren 4, Yardley 3, Ainsley 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: F. Arok.

Match rating: * * * *

King 4; Harcombe 3, Tracey 3; Rootsey 3, Zeman 4, *Blanco* 5; Armytage 3 (replaced by R. Manuel 58 min.), G. Manuel 4, Di Lonardo 4, Hoggart 4, Reilly 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: J. Venglos.

Clarke 3; Omeros 3 (Stanley 3), Hignett 3, McCulloch 3, Loukanidis 3, Anderson 3, Povey 4, Smith 3, Petrou 2, Patrinos 2, Vrolyks 2 (replaced by Kakakios 68 min.).

TOTAL: 31. Coach: G. Yangou.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 3; Lincoln 3, Woods 4, Randles 3, Shepherd 4, Clarke 3, Barboutis 3, Richards 3 (replaced by Frakes 60 min.), F. Cush 3, R. Cush 3 (replaced by Longmuir 70 min.), Reynolds 4.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: L. Hegyes.

Cajkusic 4 (replaced Lukic 37 min.); Orsag 3, Crnich 3; Kresinger 3, Nacinovic 3, Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 3, M. Alagich 3, Bobic 3, W. Edwards 3, Bert 3.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Match rating: * * *

Rorke 3; Keith 4, *Ackerley* 5; Hughes 3, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 3; Blues 3, Caridad 3, Campbell 3, Blue 3, Van Blerk 2.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: A. Iglesias.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

In a dour bottom-of-the-table struggle for valuable points, Auburn gained both to record their first win of the season. They did this by sheer determination and will to win. Polonia, on the other hand, lacked fire, and their overall play had little purpose. Auburn's new signing, Selfridge, rarely put a foot wrong in his debut, and both his defence and passing were impeccable. Spilarewicz, Auburn's best player, worked hard to cover a tremendous amount of ground, scoring the first goal, and making the second. Barnett was unimpressive in his Polonia debut and may yet regret his choice as he can expect little support from the listless Polonia attack.

Crowd: 950. Referee: L. Rae.

— EDDIE EVANS

A penalty and an own goal by Melita's stalwart Pat Woods helped South Coast score a convincing victory. The Eagles' wings were clipped prematurely and unexpectedly when they suddenly lost the fire and determination of previous rounds with the result that South Coast took the initiative and pressed home their advantage. After an even first half, Melita failed to capitalise on the stiff breeze behind them, and within six minutes after the interval South Coast went ahead with a penalty by Tolson, and a brilliant header by Tristram. The trio of Wilson, Ringland and Cuthbert easily handled Melita's half-hearted attacks, and wingers Beattie and McGrath tore gaping holes in Melita's defence with lightning runs and accurate crosses.

Crowd: 1,880. Referee: H. Parsons.

— CHARLES SPITERI

An absorbing defensive struggle, not without excitement, despite the lack of fire in front of goal. A draw was a just result as both defences were rock-like and always had the better of the forwards. Hakoah, perhaps, had a little more of the ball in attack, but scoring chances were at a premium. The match produced some first-class displays from defenders from both teams, but it was Tony Boskovic who really stole the show. His superb refereeing achieved the "impossible": both teams and their supporters unanimously sang his praises at the finish.

Crowd: 5,521. Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

This match was a connoisseur's delight. Fast, exciting and very evenly contested, it produced classy football from start to finish. The absence of goals was largely compensated by midfield brilliance and clever passing. St. George had the better of play at the start of each half, but Blanco's midfield artistry denied them the chance to press home their slight superiority and swung the match Prague's way halfway through both halves. Gary Manuel made a welcome return to the Prague attack and was by far their most menacing forward — but Saints' Abonyi was the best forward on the field.

Crowd: 2,000. Referee: N. Campbell.

— FRANK JORDAN

Perhaps the fact that not one cracker went off during the entire match will illustrate the efforts of Pan Hellenic and the frame of mind of their supporters. Newly arrived Loukanidis, totally unfit, helped Croatia to what later proved to be a winning margin. How anybody had the nerve to put him in the vital stopper spot without having played a game for months is one of those mysteries any non-Greek shouldn't bother to solve. Croatia started off well and appeared to be well on the way to a sizeable victory when lapses of concentration and lack of stamina got them into trouble. In the last 20 minutes, Pan Hellenic's bravado almost paid dividends and with any measure of luck they could have drawn in a match which, to all intents and purposes, they had lost in the first half.

Crowd: 5.096. Referee: A. Faraone.

— PAUL DEAN

This game offered even play, with only odd flashes of brilliance at intervals to show the crowd what First Division soccer should be. Rafaneli put Yugal ahead early, and when Caridad netted in the 80th minute, it looked as though APIA would scramble home. Somehow, with the seconds ticking away, an otherwise subdued Edwards was right up front and unmarked to bring up the equaliser. Ackerley and Keith were both in international form, and entirely overshadowed their team-mates. A nasty incident flared up after the game. The police sent for reinforcements, and soon had the position in hand. Why must this conduct take place?

Crowd: 1,672. Referee: J. Henkelman.

— KEITH GILMOUR

COACHES COMMENT

Leo Baumgartner: "We have no will to win and no team spirit. Auburn deserved the two points. They fought admirably and taught our boys a lesson."

Z. Nowacki: "I feel our confidence is now restored. The win against Polonia was personal and the boys played extra hard for a win against my former team."

Trevor Edwards: "We were beaten by the better side on the day. We were never safe right from the beginning."

Jim Harris: "I think we deserved to win, even allowing for a scrappy first half. Melita made the mistake of concentrating on defence with very little coming from their forwards. I'm really happy with these two points in Sydney."

George Azzopardi: "A fair result. Neither team deserved to lose this hard fought game."

Doug Holden: "Canterbury have certainly improved! Seeing that we lost Walsh in the midfield, I'm not unhappy about sharing the points. Canterbury will be a stumbling block for more than one team this season."

Frank Arok: "We can't expect to win every match. Prague played very well indeed and I'm happy it was a clean, incident-free game which could have gone either way."

Joe Venglos: "A draw was a fair result. In the first half we were the better team and St. George were on top after the interval. An evenly contested match and I'm quite happy with the point."

George Yangou: "Horrible defensive mistakes cost us the match. In the second half we played the better football. I am confident about the future."

Laurie Hegyes: "We simply must find our proper forward line, otherwise soon we'll strike trouble. We shouldn't have been struggling towards the end to avoid a draw."

Ferdo Dunaj: "Yugal had more opportunities and more shots. Still, there was nothing between the teams, so a daw is fair."

Adauto Iglesias: "There were two Yugal players offside when they got the last goal. We should have won."

APIA to seek vital home victory against St. George

— By PAUL DEAN —

With none of the leading four teams winning their matches, the room at the top has become more congested than ever.

Only three points separate first from eighth and only one, St. George, remains unbeaten after seven rounds.

The "hottest" clash will be at Lambert Park on Sunday when APIA play host to St. George.

On Saturday the Croatia v. Melita Eagles match may be the main attraction.

Our previews:

ROUND 8

Hakoah v. Yugal-Ryde

Vying for the lead, Hakoah are once again showing consistent if not brilliant form — but this, ultimately is the one that wins championships.

Against Canterbury they were almost railroaded — but they badly missed W. Rutherford and, for most of the game, their mini-tiger, Walsh.

Yugal are staging a kind of a revival, driven more by desperation than pure skill.

However, if they want to win matches, they will need a lot more than just one good goalkeeper.

Hakoah should control proceedings and run out winners without too much trouble.

Croatia v. Melita Eagles

Despite their high standing in the table, Croatia are not all that impressive.

Their defence is apt to make silly mistakes while their forwards lack punch.

Melita's great unbeaten run came to a halt last week.

While their efforts so far have been admirable, they cannot hope to play a really vital role in the championship purely by defending.

The more enterprising Croatia may win this though yet another low scoring draw is also a possibility.

APIA v. St. George

APIA have lost two of their three matches at Lambert Park so far — and it's not just the ground that is to be blamed.

As all their fans now sadly admit, this APIA is a meek and poor imitation of their great sides of recent years — especially their forwards, a very mediocre quintet by any standard.

MANFRED SCHAEFER (St. George)

St. George still have to deliver on their bright promise — somehow the team is not functioning as smoothly as it should in theory.

Still, they at least have some forwards who now and then find their touch and can bang in some goals.

This may swing a tight and exciting match in their favor.

Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Prague will win more than they will lose this season — and all because of a disciplined, intelligent type of football they play despite the modest talent at their disposal.

If only they could make their attack more aggressive, they might achieve more outstanding results.

Pan Hellenic cannot be assessed by normal methods: nobody knows who will coach them and who will play for them.

Their team selection seems to be geared to airline arrival schedules — and one of these days their plane might just come in.

But not against Prague and not in the present frame of mind.

South Coast v. Polonia

Full of uninhibited ambition, South Coast know that their semifinal chances largely depend on whether they can collect maximum points at their Woonona den.

So far they have done just that — and with their well balanced, tough and surprisingly skilled side, there is no reason to doubt they will continue for a good while yet.

Polonia's attack is a shocking failure — and Barnett is most unlikely to make much difference to it.

Their veteran defence may now and then hold out but we cannot see their forwards too seriously worry too many other teams.

South Coast should be odds-on to win and perhaps win rather well.

Auburn v. Canterbury

Both teams are enjoying a period of revitalisation, as their results of last week prove.

Auburn flatly refuse to be relegation bait, and with intelligent team building could soon climb to a respectable position on the ladder.

Canterbury are on the way to becoming Sydney's new Greek glamor team.

CAMILLE HAIDAR (Canterbury)

They not only play successfully but also attractively enough to draw the crowds — and get the points.

Auburn will strive for at least a draw — but Canterbury's chances are much better.

BEST BET: SOUTH COAST.
BEST DOUBLE: SOUTH COAST - HAKOAH.
EACH WAY: AUBURN.

VITAL STATISTICS

Hakoah v. Yugal 4-5-5

Since 1966, Hakoah have not lost a championship match.

However, apart from a 5-0 win in 1967, their record is somewhat unconvincing: four draws and only one odd-goal win.

Croatia v. Melita 3-1-0

Melita have done better in these encounters when playing away from home.

Last year Croatia won both their matches.

APIA v. St. George 10-6-4

APIA last lost a championship match to the Saints in 1965 — and then as the home team.

Since then, however, APIA have won three and drawn the other three of these games.

Prague v. Pan Hellenic 8-5-3

Prague have lost only once at home, in 1966 (2-3); last year Prague won both encounters.

South Coast v. Polonia 5-1-4

Polonia have a fair record at Woonona; of their five matches there, they have lost three — but also won two.

Auburn v. Canterbury 7-1-6

The last time they met was in 1963 when Canterbury won 2-1 and 5-2.

It's interesting to note that in 1960, these two were involved in a record-scoring match, when Auburn beat Canterbury 8-6 — at Arlington.

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 17,119 (20,351).
Average per match: 2,853 (3,392).
Attendance after 7 rounds: 109,042 (112,358).
Weekly average attendance: 15,577 (16,051).

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Hakoah v. Yugal — K. Lockrey; Croatia v. Melita — N. Micos; APIA v. St. George — H. Parsons; Prague v. Pan Hellenic — A.R. Brown; SCU v. Polonia — M. Buchanan; Auburn v. Canterbury — P. Rampley.

LEADING SCORERS

Yardley (St. George)	8
Denton (St. George)	7
Alston (SCU)	5
J. Keddie (APIA)	5
W. Rutherford (Hakoah)	5
Baartz (Hakoah)	4
F. Cush (Croatia)	4
Tristram (SCU)	4
Woods (Melita)	4

TEAM OF THE WEEK

CAJKUSIC (Yugal)

KEITH (APIA) — ACKERLEY (APIA)

MBELIS (Canterbury)

WATKISS (Hakoah) — BLANCO (Prague)

SPILAREWICZ (Auburn) — PAPAEMANUEL (Canterbury)

WARREN (St. George)

BEATTIE (SCU) — McGRATH (SCU)

JUBILEES

Last week these players reached these milestones:

- R. Cush (Croatia) 75th official match.
- Crnic (Yugal) 75th official match.
- Minol (Polonia) 50th championship match.

CONGRATULATIONS !

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES	P. Dean	L. Gautier	K. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	E. Evans	Most favored
Hakoah v. Yugal	1	1	1	1	1	1
Croatia v. Melita Eagles	x	1	1	2	1	1
APIA v. St. George	2	x	2	2	2	2
Prague v. Pan Hellenic	1	2	1	1	x	1
SCU v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Auburn v. Canterbury	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hornsby v. NS-Inter	2	2	1	2	1	2
Artarmon v. Balgownie	2	2	2	2	2	2
Manly v. Bankstown	x	x	2	2	x	x
Corinthians v. Marconi	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nth. B'town v. Sutherland	2	2	2	2	x	2
Wests v. Granville	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: K. Gilmour 51; C. Spiteri 47; P. Dean 46; L. Gautier 44; E. Evans 41.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Auburn	Canterbury	Croatia	Hakoah	Melita Eagles	Pan Hellenic	Polonia	Prague	South Coast	St. George	Yugal-Ryde
APIA	●		0-1	2-1	1-2							
Auburn	0-2	●		0-3		2-2						
Canterbury			●		0-0		2-2		1-2	1-3		
Croatia			1-1	●	4-0						1-2	
Hakoah		3-1			●				3-1	2-1		
Melita Eagles			3-0			●		0-0		1-3	0-0	
Pan Hellenic				2-3		0-3	●	0-1				2-1
Polonia	1-4	0-2			0-3			●	1-6			
Prague	0-0	4-0							●			0-0
South Coast		2-1					3-0			●		5-1
St. George							1-1	2-0	0-0	7-1	●	
Yugal-Ryde	2-2			1-4		2-3					1-11	●

HAKOAH
FUZES, GARDINER, HILLSDON, WATKISS, MARNOCH, D. YAAGER, BLITZ, EDMUNDS, W. RUTHERFORD, BAARTZ, JONES

YUGAL
CAJKUSIC, ORSAG, CRNICH, KRESINGER, NACINOVIC, RAFANELI, J. ALAGICH, M. ALAGICH, BOBIC, W. EDWARDS, BERT

CROATIA
CORRY, LINCOLN, WOODS, RANDLES, SHEPHERD, CLARKE, BARBOUTIS, RICHARDS, F. CUSH, R. CUSH, REYNOLDS

MELITA EAGLES
EATON, HUNTER, HEWLETT, WOODS, A. EDWARDS, DE BRUIN, NEMET, SMITH, THORNE, DUFFY, AZZOPARDI

APIA
RORKE, KEITH, ACKERLEY, HUGHES, SAMBROOK, BOTTALICO, BLUES, CAMPBELL, CARIDAD, BLUE, VAN BLERK

ST. GEORGE
HAFFEY, SANDELL, HILLARY, SCHAEFEK, BIRD, CLISS, WARREN, ABONYI, YARDLEY, DENTON, ANSLEY

PRAGUE
KING, HARCOMBE, TRACEY, ROOTSEY, ZEMAN, BLANCO, ARMYTAGE, G. MANUEL, DI LONARDO, HOGGART, REILLY

PAN HELLENIC
CLARKE, OMEROS, HIGNETT, HENSON, LOUKANIDIS, McCULLOCH, POVEY, B. SMITH, PETROU, PATRINOS, VROLYKS

SOUTH COAST
RAMAGE, RINGLAND, CUTHBERT, CARR, WILSON, TOLSON, BEATTIE, TRISTRAM, ALSTON, HENNESSY, McGRATH

POLONIA
FRASER, OLIVER, SKIBA, CALPHY, DZIALACH, KOMODER, KULAK, MINOL, BARNETT, KRAWIARZ, BELL

AUBURN
CARMICHAEL, D. SMITH, STEWART, A. SMITH, ATHERTON, SELFRIDGE, K. EDWARDS, SPILAREWICZ, MOFFATT, O'NEILL, QUESTED

CANTERBURY
DEMOPOULOS, WHITEHEAD, HARDY, J. XIPOLITAS, MBELIS, GALBRAITH, ROMANOS, HAIDAR, PANAYIOTIDIS, PAPAEMANUEL, PAXINOS

ROUND THE WORLD

Belgium qualify for Mexico

Belgium became the first European country to qualify for the 1970 World Cup finals when Yugoslavia were beaten 1-2 by Spain last week. The Belgians can't be overtaken in their group now and will play in the World Cup finals for the first time since 1954.

England top drawcard

England's national team is drawing the largest crowds for home and away internationals in Europe. Statistics for the past 12 months show that England's 11 internationals, six of them abroad, were watched by a total of 938,000 fans — for an average of 86,000 per game. Next in popularity are Italy with an average attendance of 74,166, the USSR (72,570) and Bulgaria (72,500).

Fingerprinting upsets Russians

The Soviet Government has sent a strong note to Colombia protesting over the finger printing of their under-23 national team when they visited Bogota recently. When the Russian officials refused to submit to fingerprinting at Bogota Airport, they were told to comply, leave the country within 48 hours, or risk to be thrown in gaol.

Foni stays, Facchetti goes

Inter Milan have squashed rumors they would change their coach next season. Last week Alfredo Foni re-signed for 1969-70, thus ending rumors that Helenio Herrera may return to Milan. Inter, however, may lose their star fullback, Facchetti, who doesn't get along well with Foni. It wouldn't surprise if the star fullback was transferred to AS Roma.

Overath in demand

It's almost certain that Wolfgang Overath, FC Koln's West German international inside-forward, will join a foreign club next season. Real Madrid have offered FC Koln $280,000 for their skipper and Switzerland's Grasshoppers Zurich $200,000. Overath, however, could eventually wind up in Italy now that the Italian ban on foreign imports looks like being lifted.

On his toes

Joao Saldanha, the new Brazilian manager, is determined to push through a more rigorous physical preparation for his team in the future. His attention covers many incredibly small details: Saldanha has discovered, for example, that the average Brazilian player is slower than his European counterpart because he runs on full sole instead of his toes.

Good enemies

Armando Picchi, the former Inter Milan stopper has become Varese's new coach, after an operation last year ended his playing career. Although Picchi had left Inter Milan on bad terms, he has now told pressmen that he will follow the principles and training methods of his former boss, Helenio Herrera — who had got rid of him two years ago.

Yashin still there

Lev Yashin just won't quit! Despite his announced intention to retire for good this year, the 40-year-old Russian goalkeeper was in goal for Dynamo Moscow when the USSR First Division kicked-off two weeks ago. Yashin is taking part in his 20th championship campaign.

Soccer attendances in South Africa continue to leave Australia's for dead — and how! The 14-team national league in 1968 attracted 1,806,220 spectators. The Springboks are supremely confident the 2-million mark will be topped for the first time this year when two First Division clubs have been added and a national Second Division formed for the first time.

● The former English international centre-forward, Ray Crawford, has again left Ipswich. After a short spell in South Africa, Crawford was transferred to Charlton Athletic for $28,000.

● Did you know that since 1961, when they returned to First Division, Liverpool have used the least players of any club in England? For the past seven seasons Liverpool averaged only 18 first team players.

● An international women's match between Slavia Prague and Bologna of Italy ended in a punch-up in Prague last week when the Italian girls didn't take too kindly to their 5-0 defeat. The "signorinas" attacked the referee, former Czech international Hildebrant, pulled his hair, scratched his face, and then proceeded to fight with their opponents.

● Nottingham Forest has an enviable, all too rare record. The Forest hasn't had a player sent off the field in a league match since World War II.

● Ole Madsen, Denmark's world-famous centre-forward, now plays in Danish Third Division after starring for three seasons in Holland.

● Csaknady, the former coach of Athens' AEK, has signed a one-year contract with another Greek club, PAOK Salonika.

● England's national team players want an increase. They are unhappy at their match fees which have stood at $125 since 1959. An anonymous spokesman for the English international players said last week they should be paid at least $200 for national team duty.

● Lothar Emmerich, the West German international, is being sought after by the Belgian club, Beerschot. The Belgian club's coach, Arthur Ceuleers, is negotiating personally with the Borussia Dortmund star.

● Rumor has it that Sandro Mazzola wants to quit Inter Milan. It is said that Mazzola doesn't get along with Corso and wants to move to Juventus. If the move does occur, it would involve a record Italian transfer fee, in the vicinity of a million dollars.

● Spaniard Ortiz de Mendibil will referee the European Champions' Cup final in Madrid between Ajax Amsterdam and either Manchester United or Milan AC on May 28.

● FIFA's referees committee last week selected 30 referees for the World Cup finals next year. Eighteen come from countries who won't be represented in Mexico, nine from nations certain to compete, and three are Mexicans. The names of the chosen won't be released until September. The Australian Federation had submitted the name of Tony Boskovic for consideration.

● The English FA printed a record 300,000 programs for the FA Cup Final. The old record stood at 240,000 two years ago. Though there were "only" 100,000 spectators at Wembley, every program was sold. Two weeks before the final 145,000 collectors had already ordered their programs.

● Spain's "Footballer of the Year" for 1969 is Jesus Glaria, Espanol's halfback. Sadurni (Barcelona) is the runner-up and Esnaola (Real Sociedad) third.

● Nenkovic, the coach of Hajduk Split, has replaced Bobek, now coaching in Greece, as Mitic's assistant with the Yugoslav national team.

● Now that Italian clubs can employ foreign coaches, it appears certain that Leeds' Don Revie will join either Juventus or Torino next season.

● Garrincha, the former brilliant Brazilian winger, was involved in a car accident. His mother-in-law died, but Garrincha and one of his many daughters suffered only minor injuries.

● The first leg of the AC Milan v. Manchester United European Cup semifinal in Milan's San Siro stadium produced a $320,000 gate — the highest ever for a match between two club teams anywhere in the world, averaging about $4 a ticket for the 80,000 spectators.

● Fernando Riera, the much travelled Chilean coach, has finally found a club for next season. Riera will manage Espanol of Barcelona who have just been relegated to Spain's Second Division.

● Thailand and Burma drew 2-2 in the final of the Asian Youth Championship in Bangkok. For third place Iran beat Israel 2-1.

● Miguel Munoz has renewed his contract as Real Madrid's coach next season.

Greek national team

Just for the record, this is how Greece lined up in their recent World Cup match in Athens against Rumania (2-2): Economopoulos, Kamaras, Vanderogiou (Kremydas), Balopoulos, Gaitatzis, Haitas, Karafeskos (Youtsos), Dedes, Sideris, Papaioannou, Bolinos. How many of them will we see in Australia in July?

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP (elimination round): Spain v. Yugoslavia 2-1; Haiti v. USA 2-0; Portugal v. Greece 2-2; Eire v. Czechoslovakia 2-1.

INTERNATIONALS: Spain v. Mexico 0-0; Northern Ireland v. England 1-3; Wales v. Scotland 3-5.

EUROPEAN CUP (semi-final, second leg): Spartak Trnava v. Ajax Amsterdam 2-0 (Ajax qualifies for final with 3-2 aggregate win).

FAIR CITIES' CUP (semi-final, first leg): Goetzepe Izmir (Turkey) v. Ujpest (Hungary) 1-4.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Zilina v Dukla 4-2; Trencin v. Slovan Bratislava 0-0; Sparta v. Banska 3-2; Ostrava v. Teplice 3-1; Inter Bratislava v. Slavia 2-0; Kosice v. Pardubice 3-0. **Standings:** Trnava 29; Slovan, Sparta 23; Trencin 22; Kosice 21.

EAST GERMANY: Rostock v. Magdeburg 0-1; Vorwaerts Berlin v. Halle 1-1; Union Berlin v. Jena 1-2; Lokomotive Leipzig v. Wismut 1-1; Riesa v. Karlmarxstadt 2-1; Zwickau v. Chemie Leipzig 0-0; Erfurt v. Dynamo 2-1. **Standings:** Vorwaerts Berlin 30; Rostock 28; Magdeburg 27; Jena 25; Karlmarxstadt 24.

HUNGARY: Honved v. Dunaujvaros 5-0; Tatabanya v. Ferencvaros 1-1; SBTC v. ETO 0-0; Pecs v. Ujpest 1-0; Eger v. Egyetertes 1-1; Diosgyor v. MTK 1-3; Szombathely v. Csepel 1-0; Vasas v. Komlo 4-1. **Standings:** Ujpest, Ferencvaros 13; MTK 12; ETO, Honved 10.

ITALY: Bologna v. Torino 2-1; Fiorentina v. Pisa 3-1; Juventus v. Inter Milan 1-0; Milan AC v. Varese 2-0; Napoli v. Cagliari 2-1; Palermo v. Roma 0-3; Sampdoria v. Vicenza 1-0; Verona v. Atalanta 1-1.

POLAND (Cup semifinals): Gwardia Warsaw v. Gornik Zabrze 1-1; Legia Warsaw v. Unia 1-0.

RUMANIA: Steaua v. Progresul Bucharest 2-2; Rapid Bucharest v. Dinamo Bucharest 1-0; Craiova v. Iassy 4-1; UT Arad v. Vagonul Arad 0-1; Cluj v. Crisul Oradea 1-1; Mures v. Petrolul Ploesti 0-0; Jiul Petroseni v. Farul Contstantza 3-0; Bacau v. Arges 1-0. **Standings:** UTA Arad 30; Rapid Bucharest 27; Dinamo Bucharest 26; Jiul Petroseni, Craiova, Bacau 25.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid 2-1; Elche v. Pontevedra 2-0; Sabadell v. Granada 3-0; Zaragoza v. Bilbao 1-1; Coruna v. Las Palmas 2-1; Real Sociedad v. Barcelona 5-1; Valencia v. Cordoba 2-0; Espanol v. Malaga 0-3.

SWITZERLAND: Chaux-de-Fonds v. Lausanne 2-3; Lugano v. Biel 0-0; Lucerne v. Winterthur 2-0; St. Gallen v. Sion 2-1; Servette Geneva v. Grasshoppers 1-1; Young Boys v. Bellinzona 2-3; FC Zurich v. FC Basel 0-3.

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JUVE AFTER SCALP OF LEAGUE LEADER JUST

Juventus could further enhance their reputation on Sunday by beating league leaders JUST in a game vital for both clubs.

South Melbourne Hellas versus Hakoah looks a tough assignment for both clubs, while another tough battle could emerge in the clash between Wilhelmina and Melbourne at Ringwood.

Croatia should have no great difficulty getting both points against Slavia, George Cross look the nearest thing to a certainty to beat the struggling Box Hill, while Lions look set to keep Polonia pointless.

LIONS v. POLONIA

Lions look set for another couple of points here although they have three first team regulars, Jimmy Anderson, Steve Kulyk and Rene Van Zeist all out of action.

However, they need to tighten up in defence and centre Jimmy Smart must adjust his scoring sights to better advantage.

Polonia, still pointless, appear to have lost all confidence.

My tip: Lions to win.

WILHELMINA v. MELBOURNE

Now that they have been deposed as league leaders, Wilhelmina will have a chance to reassess themselves in view of the stiff program they have ahead.

However, they are unlikely to show any panic changes after only one defeat.

Melbourne, after the first three games without defeat, are now finding points-collecting hard.

My tip: Wilhelmina to win.

GEORGE CROSS v. BOX HILL

After a disastrous first three games in which they collected only one point, the Cross have grabbed full points from their last two matches, scoring five times in the process without conceding a goal.

But in their two winning games, the opposition has been poor and likely to be much more so this week when they face Box Hill, who have only a resolute defence without a worthwhile attack to stop them.

My tip: George Cross to win.

SM HELLAS v. HAKOAH

This Middle Park derby has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Hakoah, who have toppled Croatia and Wilhelmina in their last two matches, even though vastly under-strength, are proving one of the hardest sides to beat.

Hellas, with several new Greek players and the return of David High, look poised for a good season.

My tip: SM Hellas to win.

JUST v. JUVENTUS

Both clubs will have to await the results of the Disciplinary Committee over the ordering off of Fode and Mihailjovic (JUST) and McColl (Juventus) before their final selections are made.

This could have some bearing on the game.

Clear leaders and undefeated into the bargain JUST, good as they may be, will have to pull out every stop to overcome Juventus, heading for their best season for many a long day.

My tip: Juventus to win.

CROATIA v. SLAVIA

Croatia are far from a spent force, although two defeats and a draw from five games are hardly the results needed to retain their title.

They can't afford to keep losing gift goals as they did last week and some concern must be shown over the ineptness of their attack.

Slavia are in the doldrums and served up a dreadful display all-round last week and must do something quickly to lift the side.

My tip: Croatia to win.

— Jim Cook

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	4	1	—	10	4	9
Wilhelmina	4	—	1	13	3	8
Hellas	4	—	1	19	10	8
Juventus	3	1	1	12	5	7
Hakoah	2	2	1	7	6	6
Croatia	2	1	2	10	6	5
George Cross	2	1	2	8	8	5
Lions	2	—	3	8	11	4
Melbourne	1	2	2	5	8	4
Slavia	1	1	3	4	11	3
Box Hill	—	1	4	6	15	1
Polonia	—	—	5	2	17	—

Metropolitan results

Division One: St. Albans 0, Alexander 3. Sunshine C. 1, Makedonia 1, Triestina 1, Altona 1. Springvale 0, Keilor 0. Austria 0, Dandenong 2. Coburg 3, Ringwood 2.

Division Two: Ajax 2, Yallourn 1. Athena 3, Prahran 3. Pk. Rangers 1, Albion R. 4. Waverley 2, Moreland 1. Sandringham 1, Frankston 2. Ferntree 1, Richmond 4.

Division Three: Clayton 2, University 2. Ballarat 2, Glenroy 0. Helvetic 3, Bayswater 1. St. Kilda 4, Croydon 1. Hercules 4, Chelsea 1. Brighton 3, Heidelberg 0.

Division Four: Monash 3, South Yarra 1, Corio 6, Mornington 1. Mooroolbark 1, ICI 0. Rosebud 1, Moorabbin 0. Olympic 5, Eltham 1. Doncaster 0, Newport 1.

INTERSTATE RESULTS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Division Two: Campbelltown 1, Malta 1; Port Adelaide 2, Salisbury 1; Para Hills 0, Birkalla 1; Windsor 6, Sturt 0; Wakefield 2, Cumberland 0.

Division Three: W. Torrens 1, Taperoo 4; University 4, WRE 3; Mitcham 1, Adelaide 6; Don 1, Graduates 1; Western 3, Flinders 2.

TASMANIA

South: Cracovia (TA) 2, Metro 0; Olympia 1, Calies 4; Eagles 4, Sth. Hobart 2; Rapids 1, Juventus (T) 4.

North: Rovers (T) 3, Launceston U 4; Ulverstone 0, Devonport 1; Northern 8, Olympic 2; Spartans 4, S. Launceston 0, Georgetown 2.

NEWCASTLE

Adamstown v. Hamilton-Azzurri 4-0; Cardiff v. Newcastle Austral 0-4; Cessnock v. Weston 0-2; New Lambton v. Toronto 3-1; Belmont v. Wallsend 0-4.

QUEENSLAND

Ampol Cup: Azzurri v. Townsville 2-0, Mt. Isa v. Hollandia 3-0, Merton v. Mackay 8-1, St. Helens v. Cairns 5-2, Germania v. Latrobe 2-1, Polonia v. Oxley 4-0.

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Olympic v. Swan Athletic 3-4, Swan Valley v. Kiev 4-2, Cottesloe v. Subiaco 2-1, Azzurri v. Tricolore 4-1, Windmills v. Cracovia 3-1.

FIXTURE CARD

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Lions v. Polonia (Essendon).
Wilhelmina v. Melbourne (Ringwood).
George Cross v. Box Hill (St. Kilda).

SUNDAY, MAY 11

SM Hellas v. Hakoah (Middle Park).
JUST v. Juventus (Footscray).
Croatia v. Slavia (Olympic Park).

HELLAS STAR SHARPSHOOTER

Following his hat-trick against Polonia, David Gorrie, the South Melbourne-Hellas inside-forward, is now leading the State League scorers with 10 goals to his credit.

Scoring an average of two goals a game Gorrie, barring injury or suspension, looks well set to create a record individual tally of goals in State League soccer since its formation.

Others in the scoring race: Branko Buljevic (JUST) 6, Syd Steele (Wilhelmina) 5, Bobby Robertson (Juventus) 4, Charlie Vella (George Cross) 4.

Charlie Vella, a product of the George Cross juniors, has scored two goals in each of the last two games — his only first team appearances this season.

JUST JUMP INTO LEAD

A last minute goal by Branko Buljevic gave JUST a 3-2 win over Melbourne and shot them to the top of the State League ladder following the defeat of Wilhelmina by Hakoah.

Juventus on the "up and up," registered a 2-1 win over the 1968 champions Croatia.

A depleted Hakoah did well to take both points off Wilhelmina, and Melbourne put up a brave show against JUST.

George Cross, with a vastly improved second half display, had no trouble in accounting for Slavia, while Polonia, after a promising start, fell by an avalanche of goals to South Melbourne Hellas.

Last week's results:

Juventus 2 (Di Marchi, Robertson) v. Croatia (Irvine, own goal).

Hakoah 2 (Fry, Clarey) v. Wilhelmina 1 (Steele).

Lions 3 (Horner 2, Murney) v. Box Hill 1 (Coles).

JUST 3 (Buljevic 2, Zoraja) v. Melbourne-HSC 2 (Scott, Rogers).

SM-Hellas 6 (Gorrie 3, Ackerley 2, Orlinski own goal) v. Polonia 2 (Kowalec, Adamczyk).

George Cross 3 (Vella 2, Sanchez) v. Slavia 0.

SHORT SHOTS

● Two Lions first team players, Jimmy Anderson and Rene Van Zeist, were involved last week in accidents outside soccer. Anderson's was the more serious. He fell and gashed his leg so badly that he has been a week in hospital, needed an operation, and his career as a player was in jeopardy. However, all is well and he is now well on the way to recovery. Van Zeist also fell down some stairs, and has been "out" with concussion.

● Norbert Gajda, the experienced Polonia forward who has been here over two years, plays his last game for the club this Saturday against Lions, before returning to Poland.

● Box Hill's president Haydon Sidebottom is in hospital following a car crash last week when he sustained serious head injuries which required over 20 stitches. — J.C.

METROPOLITAN DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Division I: Alexander v. Sunshine City; Preston Makedonia v. Maribynong Triestina; Altona City v. Springvale; Keilor City v. Elwood Austria; Dandenong City v. Coburg; Ringwood United v. St. Albans.

Division II: Yallourn v. Brunswick Athena; Prahran City v. Park Rangers; Albion Rovers v. Waverley; Moreland Thistle v. Sandringham City; Frankston City v. Ferntree Gully; Richmond v. Green Gully Ajax.

Division III: University of Melbourne v. Ballarat; Glenroy v. East Melbourne Helvetic; Bayswater v. St. Kilda; Croydon v. Princes Park Hercules; Chelsea v. Brighton; Heidelberg v. Clayton.

Division IV: South Yarra v. Corio; Mornington v. Mooroolbark; Deer Park v. Rosebud; Moorabbin v. Nth. Carlton Olympic; Eltham v. Doncaster Rovers; Newport v. Monash University.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

On his way back to Australia after his third trip back to his native Scotland since he originally joined George Cross in 1963, Tommy McPherson, the talented wing-half who is still only 28, may quit the game on his return here. After four great seasons with George Cross, Tommy moved to JUST last season. The Cross only asked a moderate fee for the player, but the deal was not actually concluded until recently when JUST utility player Ambrose Morgan joined George Cross in an exchange deal for McPherson. During the few first team games McPherson played for JUST last season, he showed he had lost none of his old sparkle. But at that stage and with JUST fighting to avoid relegation he was surprisingly "axed." And perhaps this is the reason why he now wants to quit the game.

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Booming crowds are the order of the day with JUST, who almost forfeited their State League status last season and only managed to avoid the "drop" by having a better goal average than Alexander who went down. In a recent game at their own ground, they pulled in over 3,000 people. The scoring feats of Branko Buljevic, the return of Frank Micic from South Melbourne Hellas, and the rock-steady play of their longest serving first team regular Billy Rice at centre-half, who has been reinstated to the Victorian team, are three main factors why the Yugoslav supporters are returning in force.

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Tommy McMorrow, the Irish born first team regular of Second Division side, Albion Rovers has the unfortunate distinction of being the first player in Victorian soccer to break his leg in 1969. Tommy who has already been in hospital a fortnight after his accident in the Harry Armstrong cup-tie against Croatia, will be another two weeks in hospital. "Soccer World" extends its sympathy to this great clubman who hopes to be back in action by the second half of the season.

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Badly needing a player personality, George Cross hope soon to have the services of a leading club player from a top Northern Ireland side who has represented his country at international level.

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Although no official confirmation comes from the Hakoah camp, I have it on good authority that their former inside-forward, Johnny Anderson, who went back to the UK over a year ago, will shortly return to Australia. Anderson, who played with SM-Hellas before transferring to Hakoah, played several times for both Victoria and Australia.

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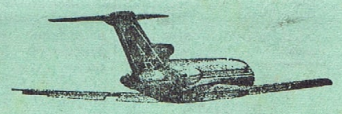

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TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	6	—	1	32	7	12
APIA	6	—	1	25	8	12
Prague	5	1	1	17	6	11
Melita	5	1	1	14	10	11
SCU	3	2	2	9	12	8
Hakoah	3	1	3	21	11	7
Croatia	3	—	4	14	14	6
Auburn	3	—	4	10	12	6
Pan Hellenic	2	—	5	12	16	4
Yugal	1	1	5	9	27	3
Canterbury	1	—	6	6	15	2
Polonia	1	—	6	7	38	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	6	—	1	29	8	12
Prague	6	—	1	19	6	12
St. George	5	1	1	14	5	11
SCU	3	3	1	11	7	9
Hakoah	4	—	3	15	17	8
Melita	2	2	3	8	11	6
Pan Hellenic	2	1	4	12	15	5
Canterbury	2	1	4	14	20	5
Polonia	2	1	4	11	17	5
Auburn	1	3	3	11	21	5
APIA	1	2	4	5	11	4
Yugal	1	—	6	4	11	2

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	6	—	1	31	7	12
Bankstown	6	—	1	23	12	12
Marconi	5	1	1	25	4	11
Western Subs.	3	2	2	14	6	8
Manly	2	4	1	12	13	8
Sutherland	3	1	3	9	10	7
NS-Inter	2	2	3	10	12	6
Hornsby-NE	2	1	4	10	30	5
Granville	1	2	4	12	18	4
Corinthians	1	2	4	12	22	4
N. Bankstown	1	2	4	12	25	4
Artarmon	—	3	4	4	14	3

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	5	1	1	32	14	11
Balgownie	5	—	2	26	10	10
Manly	5	—	2	23	11	10
Marconi	5	—	2	21	14	10
Western Subs.	4	1	2	19	8	9
Sutherland	3	2	2	23	8	8
Granville	3	2	2	23	11	8
Artarmon	4	—	3	16	14	8
N. Bankstown	3	—	4	16	24	6
Corinthians	1	—	6	5	28	2
Hornsby-NE	1	—	6	4	36	2
NS-Inter	—	—	7	4	33	0

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	7	—	—	38	2	14
Western Subs.	5	—	2	23	6	10
Balgownie	4	1	2	14	9	9
Artarmon	4	—	3	24	9	8
Marconi	4	—	3	28	13	8
Granville	3	2	2	21	11	8
Bankstown	3	1	3	10	13	7
Sutherland	2	2	3	27	12	6
N. Bankstown	3	—	4	18	13	6
Hornsby-NE	2	—	5	8	26	4
Corinthians	2	—	5	10	33	4
NS-Inter	—	—	7	1	75	0

AMATEURS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	5	—	—	21	1	10
Concordia	5	—	—	28	2	10
Marrickville	4	—	1	15	5	8
Thistle	3	—	2	12	7	6
Wenty	3	—	2	13	11	6
Riverside	2	—	3	14	14	4
Belmore	2	—	3	9	15	4
Lane Cove	1	1	3	8	13	3
South Sydney	1	1	3	14	27	3
East Side	1	—	4	5	12	2
Lidcombe	1	—	4	5	18	2
Blacktown	1	—	4	7	26	2

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warringah	4	1	—	12	4	9
Rovers	4	—	1	28	4	8
Arncliffe Scots	4	—	1	13	4	8
Enmore	3	1	1	15	8	7
NSW Uni.	3	—	2	28	13	6
Kewpies	3	—	2	8	9	6
Ryde	3	—	2	12	14	6
Yagoona	2	—	3	5	18	4
Auburn	1	—	4	7	15	2
Condell Park	1	—	3	7	17	2
St. Marys	—	—	5	8	28	0
Nepean	—	—	4	3	12	0

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newtown	4	—	—	22	6	8
C'pbelltown	4	—	1	18	7	8
Revesby W.	3	1	1	19	13	7
Fairfield-Kiev	2	2	0	10	7	6
West Ryde	2	1	2	13	12	5
Dee Why	1	2	2	12	12	4
Liverpool	2	—	3	12	16	4
Sydney Uni.	1	1	3	21	12	3
Beverly Hills	1	1	2	5	6	3
Greenacre	—	1	3	6	21	1
All Stars	—	1	3	7	34	1

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi Marines	4	1	—	20	6	9
Rosebery R.	4	1	—	25	12	9
Gladesville	4	—	1	22	9	8
Chelsea	3	—	2	15	15	6
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	2	14	17	6
Padstow Park	2	1	2	11	17	5
Maroubra	2	—	3	16	14	4
Willoughby	1	1	1	7	10	3
Central Utd.	1	—	4	10	14	2
Revesby Rovers	1	—	4	12	22	2
Arncliffe RSL	1	—	3	8	16	2
Annandale	—	—	4	2	10	0

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Melita v. SCU	1-1	1-1
Polonia v. Auburn	2-1	3-3
Yugal v. APIA	1-4	0-1
St. George v. Prague	0-2	1-0
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia	1-4	0-4
Canterbury v. Hakoah	2-4	2-3

SECOND DIVISION
(First, Second and Third Grades)

Granv. v. Hornsby	2-2	8-0 6-1
NS-Int. v. Artarmon	1-1	0-5 0-13
B'town v. Corins.	4-3	6-0 1-0
M'coni v. N.B'town	8-0	8-1 1-3
S'land v. Wests	2-1	0-0 0-2
B'gownie v. Manly	4-0	2-1 0-3

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE COULD BE UNDISPUTED LEADER

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Despite the topsy-turvy results last weekend, there were only minor changes on the competition table and Balgownie and Bankstown still lead the field by one point.

However, Balgownie won convincingly while Bankstown's goal-average suffered against Corinthians.

Marconi struck peak form against North Bankstown and played like champions with machine-like precision.

Last week's match reports:

Granville v. Hornsby 2-2

Inaccurate passing cost Granville a valuable point.

Granville were well on top in the first half, but could only change sides with a one goal advantage.

Although Granville increased their lead soon after the break, the reshuffled Hornsby side came back into the game with more determination and, after scoring two goals, missed a few good opportunities to cause an upset win.

Granville: Sparkes; Pendleton, Anderson; Bigland, Lorenzutta, Crelly; Richardson, Maes, Baaks, Smith (2), Springett (Dupont).

Hornsby-NE: McDonald; Shields, Hogan; Brown, Baber, Hughes; Vickers, Stokes, Andrejewski, Barber, Dickerson (2).

NS-Inter v. Artarmon 1-1

After a scoreless first half in which both teams missed scoring opportunities and which also saw some superb saves by both Thompson and Power, Inter took the lead with a goal from Santoro.

Artarmon came back into the game when they equalised from the penalty spot after an Inter fullback handled.

Norths failed to score the winning goal when Spresian missed a penalty.

Artarmon: Thompson; Foster, Hardy; McGuinness, Nacinovich, Mack; Poulter, Williams (1), Simpson, Dedman, Parkin (Eaton).

NS-Inter: Power; Parker, Steele; Ledesma, Abbattista, Slater (Dos Santos); Sileoni, Spresian, Santoro (1), Bogie, McIlroy (Valdemar).

Balgownie v. Manly 4-0

Manly battled in vain against the fast, sharp-shooting Balgownie in front of a crowd of 1,503.

Within 20 minutes Balgownie scored two good goals through Baker and Worthington and by half-time, had added another goal when a faulty backpass by Townsend to goalkeeper Tuinman was nicked into the net by Semister.

Manly could not even score from a penalty which goalkeeper Jones saved spectacularly.

Barry Salisbury, Balgownie's coach, scored the last goal with a first time kick over the heads of a dozen players into the corner of the net following a corner kick.

Balgownie: Jones, Kerr, Milassin; Muhlbauer, Orphin, Salisbury (1); Semister (1), McGarry, Baker (1), Worthington (1), Paterson.

Manly: Tuinman; Hutcherson (Brown), Brooks; G. Jones, Campbell, Townsend; Hughes, Fraser, Henry, Harris, Crawford (Waller).

Marconi v. North Bankstown 8-0

In a one-sided match at Marconi Oval, the locals crushed North Bankstown scoring four goals in each half.

Marconi could have won by a much bigger margin only for a good goalkeeping display by young Tipping.

Marconi's skill and experience were too much for the gallant young North Bankstown lads.

North Bankstown: Tipping; Gallagher, Brown; K. Woodbine, Lye, Duncan; Scala, Morris, Slater, Morgan (Faulks), Young.

Bankstown v. Corinthians 4-3

Corinthians shook Bankstown by leading 2-0 after 20 minutes and looked like springing the biggest surprise of the round.

Both goals came from free-kicks — one of them by former Arsenal player Danny Clapton, who is making a comeback.

When Bankstown got over the shock they got on top with three goals before halftime — one a penalty and the other two coming also from freekicks.

Bankstown increased their lead when outside-left Clarke dribbled his way past the defenders and the goalkeeper to score, while Corinthians reduced the leeway when Williams scored from a scrimmage in front of goal.

Bankstown: Miller (Friedl); Fitzgerald, Sheldrick; McDermott, Maughan, Turnbull; Roberts (1, sent off), Martin, (Bamforth (2), Madden, Clarke (1).

Corinthians: Little; Tully, Yates; Cooper (1), Russell, Atkins; Clapton (1), Pappas, Harris, Dougan (sent off), Williams (1).

Sutherland v. Wests 2-1

A crowd of about 1,500 watched a thrilling and exciting game at Seymour Shaw Park which the home side deservedly won.

Peter Corfield gave Sutherland the lead in the first half with a solo effort but Wests equalised midway through the second half when Bijkerk scored from a penalty.

Sutherland landed the winning goal soon after when a move, started by Mike Johnson, finished with John Sambrook flicking the ball to Allan Griffiths for the latter to score with a flying header.

Sutherland: Iro; Roche, Branson; Johnson, Keen Shrubsole; Corfield (1), Griffiths (1), Sambrook, Mula, O'Brian (Cooper).

Western Suburbs: Kelly; Bastian, Johnston; Harrison, Bijkerk (1), Di Santi; Cassidy, Byles, Woods, Pont McMeechan.

THIS WEEKEND

Manly's clash with Bankstown could develop into a close and exciting clash at Graham Reserve.

Manly have one of the best defences in the division but badly lack strikers, while Bankstown is one team that manages to score in every game.

Marconi, although favorites to win at Jubilee Oval, could face some stiff opposition from the improving Corinthians.

Sutherland have never won at George Green Oval, but on form should topple the inexperienced North Bankstown.

The Hornsby v. NS-Inter clash at Jenner Road Stadium should be a well balanced match with the result going either way, but slightly favoring the more mature Inter.

Wests, after collecting one point from their last three games, should return to the winning list against Granville at Drummoyne Oval, while Balgownie should not be extended by Artarmon.

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Adelaide Round-up

CAN ELIZABETH KEEP IT UP?

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Elizabeth City came of age last Saturday when they defeated Juventus for the first time since their entry into the First Division.

Currently sixth on the league ladder after two wins from four games, Elizabeth face a tough contract against unbeaten leaders Croatia at Ramsay Park on Saturday.

The influence of coach, Peter Jaksa, was evident last week as Elizabeth passed fluently and made the Juventus passing appear ragged by comparison.

Devoid of name players, Elizabeth's strength lies in their team work and disciplined close checking.

Croatia, with 16 goals from five games, should break through often enough to win, but like Juventus last Saturday, may find Elizabeth's defence tough to penetrate.

WA Hellas, second on the table but with a postponed game in hand, should approach Juventus with supreme confidence at Hindmarsh.

Old rivalry

Juventus (ninth) are having a wretched season.

Perhaps the old rivalry will spur a recovery, but Hellas must be chosen.

Polonia, without a goal in six and a half consecutive playing hours, will be looking to score their first win of the season when they clash with Azzurri at Woodville West.

Polonia have tried everything to break their goal drought, including using stopper, Eugene Nowak, as their main striker.

Azzurri, with 12 goals against them, have the most benevolent defence in the league and this fact could help Polonia overcome their goal-shyness.

Azzurri, however, are second only to Croatia in goals scored, so indications are that Polonia will NOT figure in their third successive goalless drawn game.

Budapest-Beograd

Budapest, bolstered by their shock victory over USC Lion last week, will be favored to defeat Beograd at the Olympic Sports Field.

Beograd's great fighting recovery against Hellas last week suggests that this will be an even tussle.

Beograd have been hit by a spate of injuries lately and unless Edmund Kreft can inspire an extra effort, Budapest may force another win.

If USC Lion can catch inconsistent Victoria on one of their off days, they could bounce back into the winning list at Blair Athol.

Lion had Bohdan and John Nyskohus sent off last week, but the brothers will be available because they don't have to face the disciplinary committee until Monday night.

However, Lion could be without fullback Colin Murray, who sustained a knee injury last Saturday.

Adelaide results

Polonia v. Victoria 0-0, Croatia v. Azzurri 5-3 — Goals: W. Slager 2 (both penalties), Lister, Mapstone, Bartolic; Kilishiri 2, Bracken (penalty), USC Lion v. Budapest 2-4 — Goals: Lovell, J. Nyskohus, Bakurski, Taylor, Reynolds, Farkas, Juventus v. Elizabeth 0-1 — Goal: Robson, Beograd v. WA Hellas 2-3 — Goals: M. Marusic, Trubee, Birch, Pantelis, De Lyster.

SA TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	4	1	—	16	6	9
Hellas	4	—	—	12	4	8
Lion	3	—	2	7	6	6
Azzurri	3	—	2	14	12	6
Victoria	2	1	2	4	9	5
Elizabeth	2	—	2	2	4	4
Budapest	1	1	3	8	10	3
Polonia	—	3	2	1	3	3
Juventus	1	—	4	5	10	2
Beograd	1	—	4	5	11	2

CANBERRA

Last weekend's results: Juventus v. Turner 1-1, Olympic v. Monaro 1-1, Queanbeyan v. Wagga 6-0, Concordia v. ANU 3-1, Griffith v. Croatia 2-2.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Hakoah v. Yugal-Ryde — Wentworth Park
Croatia v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field
Hornsby-NE v. NS-Inter — Jenner Road Stadium
Artarmon v. Balgownie — Artarmon Reserve

SUNDAY, MAY 11

APIA v. St. George-Budapest — Lambert Park
Prague v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
South Coast v. Polonia — Woonona Oval
Auburn v. Canterbury — Mona Park
Manly v. Bankstown — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. Marconi — Jubilee Oval
North Bankstown v. Sutherland — George Green Oval
Western Suburbs v. Granville — Drummoyne Oval

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Yugal-Ryde v. Auburn — Marks Field
Melita Eagles v. Prague — Mona Park
Bankstown v. Artarmon — Bankstown Soccer Centre
Granville v. North Bankstown — Macarthur Park

SUNDAY, MAY 18

St. George v. Hakoah — Hurstville Oval
Pan Hellenic v. APIA — Wentworth Park
South Coast v. Croatia — Woonona Oval
Polonia v. Canterbury — North Sydney Oval
Marconi v. Manly — Marconi Oval
Sutherland v. Corinthians — Seymour Shaw Park
Hornsby-NE v. Western Suburbs — Jenner Road Stadium
NS-Inter v. Balgownie — Cammeray Park